

RESOLUTION 13 OF 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING A 2024 BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE BUILDING
AND SAFETY DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,746.76 TO BALANCE
ACCOUNTS**

Sponsored By: Finance/Audit Committee: Alderman Scott-
Childress, Tierney, Andrews, Schabot, Pasti

WHEREAS, the Director of Building Safety & Zoning Enforcement has requested a 2024 transfer in the amount of \$1,746.76 to balance accounts, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Audit Committee has received, reviewed, and approved the following:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:**

FROM:

A1362014.5414 Employee Training \$1,746.76

TO:

A1362014.5834 Uniforms \$1,435.87

A1362014.5402 Office Supplies \$80.12

A1362014.5444 Vehicle Fuel \$135.84

A1362014.5463 Postage \$94.93

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of

_____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of

_____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
Finance / Audit
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT Building Safety DATE 1/3/2024

Description: Internal budget transfer request with zero financial impact.

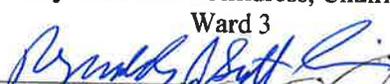
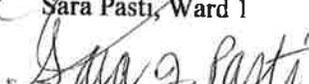
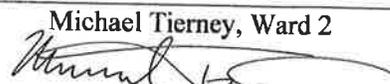
\$1,746.76 From: A1362014 5414 Employee Training to:

- A1362014 5834 Uniforms (\$1,435.87)
- A1362014 5402 Office Supplies (\$80.12)
- A1362014 5444 Vehicle Fuel (\$135.84)
- A1362014 5463 Postage (\$94.93)

Motion by SS

Seconded by SP

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott-Childress, Chairman, Ward 3 	✓	
Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7 	✓	
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 	✓	
Steve Schabot, Ward 8 	✓	
Michael Tierney, Ward 2 	✓	

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CITY OF KINGSTON

Building Safety & Zoning Enforcement

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

Stephan Knox
Director

5 Garraghan Drive
Kingston, NY 12401
Phone (845) 331-1217
Fax (845) 331-1224



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January 3, 2025

Council President, Andrea Shaut
City of Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Dear President Shaut,

Attached find budget transfer documentation for your consideration and Council approval. This request is for the internal transfer of funds from one account to multiple accounts minimally overspent.

This request represents an internal transfer that will have zero financial impact.

Respectfully,

Stephan Knox
Director of Building Safety & Zoning Enforcement

Cc: Mayor, Steven T. Noble
Comptroller, John Tuey
City Clerk, Elisa Tinti

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
Finance / Audit
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT Building Safety DATE 1/3/2024

Description: Internal budget transfer request with zero financial impact.

\$1,746.76 From: A1362014 5414 Employee Training to:

- A1362014 5834 Uniforms (\$1,435.87)
- A1362014 5402 Office Supplies (\$80.12)
- A1362014 5444 Vehicle Fuel (\$135.84)
- A1362014 5463 Postage (\$94.93)

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott-Childress, Chairman, Ward 3		
Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7		
Sara Pasti, Ward 1		
Steve Schabot, Ward 8		
Michael Tierney, Ward 2		

RESOLUTION 14 OF 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING A 2024 BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE PARKS &
RECREATION DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$32,950.00 FROM FUND
BALANCE TO PAY THE ADDED EXPENSE OF AN EMPLOYEE'S
RETIREMENT**

Sponsored By: Finance/Audit Committee: Alderman Scott-Childress, Tierney, Andrews, Schabot, Pasti

WHEREAS, the Director of Parks and Recreation has requested a 2024 transfer in the amount of \$32,950.00 from Fund Balance to pay the added expense of an employee's retirement, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Audit Committee has received, reviewed, and approved the following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

FROM:

A19999.5901	City Fund Balance	\$32,950.00
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TO:

7110.5105	Parks Retirement Accumulation	\$32,950.00
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Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

**THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

<u>REQUEST DESCRIPTION</u>		
INTERNAL TRANSFER _____	CONTINGENCY TRANSFER <u>X</u> _____	TRANSFER _____
AUTHORIZATION _____	BUDGET MODIFICATION _____	BONDING REQUEST _____
CLAIMS _____	ZONING _____	OTHER _____

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation DATE: 1/3/25

Description:

Budget transfer from Fund Balance of \$32,950 to reconcile Parks Retirement Accumulation account.

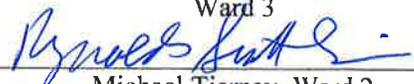
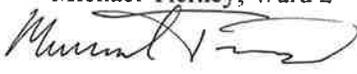
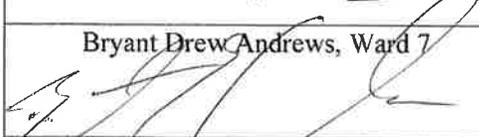
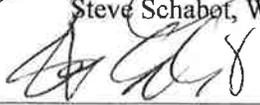
(See attached spreadsheet)

Estimated Financial Impact: \$32,950 Signature 

Motion by MT

Seconded by DA

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott-Childress, Chairman, Ward 3 	✓	
Michael Tierney, Ward 2 	✓	
Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7 	✓	
Steve Schabot, Ward 8 	✓	
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 	✓	

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CITY OF KINGSTON
Department of Parks and Recreation
ltimbrouck@kingston-ny.gov

Steven T. Noble, Mayor



Lynsey Timbrouck, Director

January 3, 2025

Dear President Shaut:

In 2024 a Parks and Recreation employee retired, resulting in an added expense in the Parks Retirement Accumulation account.

I respectfully request a contingency transfer from the fund balance, totaling \$32,950. Please see the attached spreadsheet for details.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lynsey Timbrouck
Director, Kingston Parks and Recreation

cc: John Tuey, Comptroller, City of Kingston

From:

Account#	Account Name	Total Amount
A19999.5901	City Fund Balance	\$32,950.00
		\$32,950.00

Total Amount

\$32,950.00
\$32,950.00

RESOLUTION 15 OF 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING A 2024 BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$492,552.89 TO COVER YEAREND
OVERAGES**

Sponsored By: Finance/Audit Committee: Alderman Scott-Childress, Tierney, Andrews, Schabot, Pasti

WHEREAS, the Fire Chief has requested a 2024 transfer in the amount of \$492,552.89 to cover yearend overages, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Audit Committee has received, reviewed, and approved the following:

FROM:

Account#	Account Name	Total Amount
3410.5101	Regular Pay	\$16,000.00
3410.5116	Kelly Day Payback	\$5,451.00
3410.5117	Vacation Payback	\$21,649.00
3410.5121	EMT Differential	\$1,177.00
3410.5129	Bonus Pay	\$1,500.00
3410.5130	Paramedic Differential	\$1,329.00
3410.5205	Data Processing	\$3,000.00
3410.5211	Equipment	\$15,000.00
3410.5402	Office Supplies	\$500.00
3410.5403	Books/ literature	\$500.00
3410.5414	Employee Training	\$4,910.00
3410.5416	Educational Materials	\$2,095.00
3410.5450	Physicals Exam	\$12,000.00
3410.5473	Equipment Rental	\$53,888.00
3410.5484	Chemical Materials	\$1,493.00
3410.5841	Disability Retirement	\$1,155.00
3410.41640	Ambulance Fees	\$314,724.89
3410.42680	Insurance Recovery	\$19,514.00
3410.42710	Festival & Event	\$4,667.00
3410.43589	NYS Reimbursement	\$12,000.00
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		\$492,552.89

TO:

Account#	Account Name	Total Amount
3410.5103	Overtime	\$260,000.00
3410.5105	Retirement Accumulation	\$23,419.00
3410.5108	Comp Time Payout	\$100,000.00
3410.5109	Temp. Status Change	\$2,500.00
3410.5422	Electricity	\$3,000.00
3410.5426	Vehicle Fuel	\$2,500.00
3410.5443	Maint. Of Buildings	\$6,400.00
3410.5444	Maint. Of Vehicles	\$1,249.00
3410.5462	Dues & Seminars	\$145.00
3410.5463	Postage	\$1,341.00
3410.5472	Contracted Services	\$23,204.00
3410.5203	Motor Vehicles	\$12,000.00
3410.5471	Service Contracts	\$7,305.73
3410.5811	Social Security	\$49,489.16

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

**THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

<u>REQUEST DESCRIPTION</u>		
INTERNAL TRANSFER ^{xxx} _____	CONTINGENCY TRANSFER _____	TRANSFER ^{xxx} _____
AUTHORIZATION _____	BUDGET MODIFICATION _____	BONDING REQUEST _____
CLAIMS _____	ZONING _____	OTHER _____

DEPARTMENT: <u>Fire Department</u>	DATE: <u>12/30/2024</u>
Description: Transfer of funds to cover account overages.	
Transferring funds to cover yearend overages. Attached excel form indicates accounts effected.	
Total: \$492552.89	
Estimated Financial Impact: \$ <u>0</u>	Signature

Motion by PA

Seconded by SP

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott-Childress, Chairman, Ward 3 	✓	
Michael Tierney, Ward 2 	✓	
Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7 	✓	
Steve Schabot, Ward 8 	✓	
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 	✓	

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CITY OF KINGSTON
Kingston Fire Department
crea@kingston-ny.gov

Chris Rea, Fire Chief



Steven T. Noble, Mayor

December 30, 2024

Finance Committee

The attached Finance and Audit Committee Report concerns transferring funds from within the fire department's budget to several department accounts. The transfer equates to \$492552.89

These funds are to cover expenditures associated with the fire department's 2024 operating budget. Attached is a breakdown of which accounts are effected.

Any questions, please call me at 845-331-1507 or 845-532-2820.

Respectfully submitted.

Chris Rea

**THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

<u>REQUEST DESCRIPTION</u>		
INTERNAL TRANSFER ^{xxx} _____ AUTHORIZATION _____ CLAIMS _____	CONTINGENCY TRANSFER _____ BUDGET MODIFICATION _____ ZONING _____	TRANSFER ^{xxx} _____ BONDING REQUEST _____ OTHER _____

DEPARTMENT: <u>Fire Department</u>	DATE: <u>12/30/2024</u>
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Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott-Childress, Chairman, Ward 3		
Michael Tierney, Ward 2		
Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7		
Steve Schabot, Ward 8		
Sara Pasti, Ward 1		

RESOLUTION 16 OF 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING A 2024 BUDGET TRANSFER IN THE CITY
CLERK'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 TO COVER EXPENSES IN
JUDGEMENTS AND CLAIMS**

Sponsored By: Finance/Audit Committee: Alderman Scott-Childress, Tierney, Andrews, Schabot, Pasti

WHEREAS, the City Clerk has requested a 2024 transfer in the amount of \$70,000.00 to cover expenses in judgements and claims, and

WHEREAS, the Finance Audit Committee has received, reviewed, and approved the following:

FROM:

9999.5901 Fund Balance \$70,000.00

TO:

A1.193014.5401 Judgement & Claims \$70,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

**THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

<u>REQUEST DESCRIPTION</u>		
INTERNAL TRANSFER _____	CONTINGENCY TRANSFER _____	TRANSFER <u>X</u> _____
AUTHORIZATION _____	BUDGET MODIFICATION _____	BONDING REQUEST _____
CLAIMS _____	ZONING _____	OTHER _____

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk _____ DATE: 1/7/2025

Transfer of \$70,000.00 from Fund Balance to cover expenses in Judgements and claims.

FROM: 9999.5901	Fund Balance	\$70,000.00
TO: A1.193014.5401	Judgements & Claims	\$70,000.00

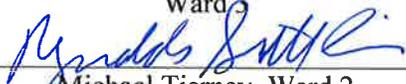
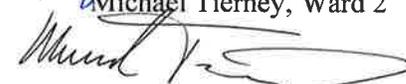
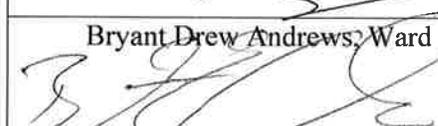
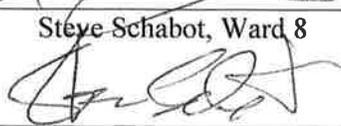
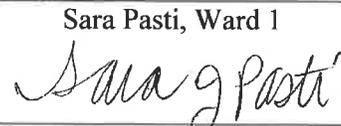
Estimated Financial Impact: \$ 70,000.00

Signature _____

Motion by SP _____

Seconded by DA _____

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott-Childress, Chairman, Ward 3 	✓	
Michael Tierney, Ward 2 	✓	
Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7 	✓	
Steve Schabot, Ward 8 	✓	
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 	✓	

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CITY OF KINGSTON

Office of the City Clerk & Registrar of Vital Statistics

cityclerk@kingston-ny.gov

Steven T. Noble, Mayor
Elisa Tinti, City Clerk & Registrar



Kwame WiafeAkonten, Deputy Clerk
Susan Mesches, Deputy Registrar

December 30, 2024

President Andrea Shaut
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Dear President Shaut,

Please accept this communication and accompanying transfer spread sheet asking to transfer \$70,000 from line, 9999.5901, "Fund Balance" to account line, A1.193014.5401, "Judgement & Claims / General Contract Expenses". This transfer is to balance the line that is currently in the negative and add additional funds for anticipated incoming invoices.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Kwame WiafeAkonten
Deputy City Clerk

From:

To:

Account#	Account Name	Total Amount	Account#	Account Name	Total Amount
9999.5901	Fund Balance	\$ 70,000.00	A1.193014.5401	Judgement & Claims / General Contract Expenses	\$ 70,000.00
	Total	\$ 70,000.00		Total	\$ 70,000.00

**THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

REQUEST DESCRIPTION

INTERNAL TRANSFER _____
AUTHORIZATION _____
CLAIMS _____

CONTINGENCY TRANSFER _____
BUDGET MODIFICATION _____
ZONING _____

TRANSFER X _____
BONDING REQUEST _____
OTHER _____

DEPARTMENT: City Clerk _____ DATE: 1/7/2025 _____

Transfer of \$70,000.00 from Fund Balance to cover expenses in Judgements and claims.

FROM: 9999.5901	Fund Balance	\$70,000.00
TO: A1.193014.5401	Judgements & Claims	\$70,000.00

Estimated Financial Impact: \$ 70,000.00

Signature _____

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott-Childress, Chairman, Ward 3		
Michael Tierney, Ward 2		
Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7		
Steve Schabot, Ward 8		
Sara Pasti, Ward 1		

RESOLUTION 17 OF 2025

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUED AND INCREASED STATE AID FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Sponsored By: Finance/Audit Committee: Alderman Scott-Childress, Tierney, Andrews, Schabot, Pasti

WHEREAS, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

WHEREAS, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

WHEREAS, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

WHEREAS, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

WHEREAS, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

WHEREAS, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

WHEREAS, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. that the City of Kingston calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

SECTION 2. Be it further resolved, that the City of Kingston urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

SECTION 3. *A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator Michelle Hinchey, Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).*

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

**THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT**

<u>REQUEST DESCRIPTION</u>		
INTERNAL TRANSFER _____	CONTINGENCY TRANSFER _____	TRANSFER _____
AUTHORIZATION _____	BUDGET MODIFICATION _____	BONDING REQUEST _____
CLAIMS _____	ZONING _____	OTHER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> _____

DEPARTMENT: Mayor DATE: 1/18/05

Description:
Request the Common Council to pass a resolution (Sample attached) in support of continued and increased state aid for local governments.

Estimated Financial Impact: N/A Signature: 

Motion by DA

Seconded by MT

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott-Childress, Chairman, Ward 3 <i>Reynolds Scott-Childress</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Michael Tierney, Ward 2 <i>Michael Tierney</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7 <i>Bryant Drew Andrews</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Steve Schabot, Ward 8 <i>Steve Schabot</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 <i>Sara J. Pasti</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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CITY OF KINGSTON
Office of the Mayor
mayor@kingston-ny.gov

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor



January 2nd, 2025

Honorable Andrea Shaut
President/Alderman-at-Large
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Resolution in Support of Continued State Aid

Dear President Shaut,

As you may know, after a 15-year drought, the 2024-25 Adopted State Budget finally included a \$50 million increase in unrestricted aid for cities, villages and towns (referred to as Temporary Municipal Assistance).

It is essential that the State not only maintains the \$50 million in new assistance but that they build upon this critical investment to strengthen our communities and lower the property tax burden on our residents. Consequently, we need to leverage this momentum by first thanking our state leaders for the additional funding and then convincing them of the need for consistent and predictable increases in state aid for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

With that goal in mind, I would encourage the Common Council to pass a resolution to express Kingston's support for the continuation of the \$50 million and additional funding in the 2025-26 state budget and beyond. I have attached a sample of such a resolution.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

Sample Resolution in Support of Continued and Increased State Aid for Local Governments

Whereas, until 2024, cities, villages and towns had not received an increase in unrestricted state aid (AIM funding) in 15 years, significantly impacting their ability to provide essential services to their residents; and

Whereas, after a prolonged period without financial support, local governments finally received an increase of \$50 million in unrestricted state aid; and

Whereas, local officials express their gratitude for the \$50 million increase in unrestricted state aid, recognizing it as a positive step towards addressing long-standing funding challenges; and

Whereas, the State has referred to this new aid as Temporary Municipal Assistance, suggesting that such increase may not continue, jeopardizing the sustainability of crucial municipal programs and services; and

Whereas, the property tax cap further limits the ability of local governments to properly fund the programs and services their residents need; and

Whereas, increased and ongoing state aid for local governments is vital for maintaining infrastructure, public safety, housing and other municipal services; and

Whereas, the challenges of inflation, the increasing costs of labor and supplies, and the end of extraordinary federal aid only accentuate the need for consistent and predictable funding to effectively plan for the future and meet the growing needs of their residents;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that [Your Municipality] calls upon the Governor and the State Legislature to commit to continuing the additional \$50 million in unrestricted state aid in the 2025-26 State Budget and beyond, and

Be it further resolved, that [Your Municipality] urges state officials to recognize the need for a long-term plan that ensures consistent and predictable increases in financial support for local governments that keep pace with inflation.

A copy of this resolution shall be sent to Governor Kathy Hochul, Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Assembly Speaker Carl Heastie, Senator _____, Assemblymember _____ and the New York State Conference of Mayors (NYCOM).

RESOLUTION 18 OF 2025

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, CALLING UPON THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS, AND GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO SIGN, THE HUDSON VALLEY POWER AUTHORITY ACT (A.10332/S.9534 of 2024).

Sponsored By: Laws & Rules Committee: Alderman Hirsch, Scott-Childress, Pasti, Dennison, Mickens

WHEREAS, the Hudson Valley Power Authority Act, sponsored by Assemblymember Sarahana Shrestha in the New York State Assembly and State Senator Michelle Hinchey in the New York State Senate, would create a new state power authority that is authorized to acquire Central Hudson and run it as a publicly owned and democratic energy utility whose primary goal is to be in the service of its ratepayers by providing low rates, reliable service, correct and easy to understand bills, clean energy, community benefits, strong labor protections, and environmental justice; and

WHEREAS, publicly owned utilities provide lower rates to ratepayers on average. As public entities, they can access financing at lower interest rates and prioritize affordability; and

WHEREAS, publicly owned utilities have the highest track record of reliable service as they're able to prioritize service over profits; and

WHEREAS, with no shareholders to serve, publicly owned utilities can serve as anchor institutions that invest in community benefits; and

WHEREAS, poor coordination has stalled the buildout of renewable energy. Publicly owned utilities can coordinate directly with other state entities to streamline the energy system in its territory; and

WHEREAS, workers at investor-owned utilities are currently pitted against ratepayers, publicly owned utilities can invest in workers without always passing costs to its ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, public power entities with the public good as their core mission are more effective at leading a just transition to renewable energy as envisioned in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson has a proven history of not working to reduce ratepayers' reliance on fossil gas; and

WHEREAS, less than a month after receiving Public Service Commission (PSC) approval for rate hikes in July 2024, Central Hudson has requested another rate increase which would cause the average electric bill to increase by 5.3 percent and the average gas bill to increase by 5.9 percent; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson has lost the public's trust through its yearlong billing scandal that increased the cost for its services for its customers with a 2022 Department of Public Service investigation determining that 8,000 customers were overcharged or double billed. In some cases, the overcharge amount was by tens of thousands of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson has the lowest-ranked utility in the state for customer satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson has a monopoly on generating profits from the distribution of electric power to over 300,000 customers in eight Hudson Valley counties from Putnam north to Albany; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson Gas & Electric's faulty billing practices have led to significant financial and psychological strain; and

WHEREAS, Central Hudson restarted residential collections and shutoffs before the conclusion of the Department of Public Service's investigation into its billing issues and long before it had regained the public's trust; and

WHEREAS, according to the AARP, the New York utility affordability crisis is reported to be around \$1.6 billion dollars based on unpaid utility bills; and

WHEREAS, a 2021 Siena College survey reported that more than 50% of New York State residents claim that climate change is an issue that they are very concerned about; and

WHEREAS, Climate Change infrastructure repairs already cost New Yorkers more than a billion dollars each year with the NY State Comptroller estimating the price tag could be close to \$10 billion annually by 2050; and

WHEREAS, our municipality is a large ratepayer who has had difficult experiences with Central Hudson both around rate increases that impact our residents and in developing community energy projects; and

WHEREAS, our municipality and our Climate Smart Task Force has shown leadership in climate resilience and climate action through passing the Climate Smart Action Plan 2020 and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation named Kingston the first Silver Certified Climate Smart City in the State of New York; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Common Council of the City of Kingston calls upon the New York State Legislature to swiftly pass, and the Governor to sign, the Hudson Valley Power Authority Act.

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk, Elisa Tinti, will send this resolution to Assemblymember Shrestha, State Senator Hinchey, and Governor Hochul.

SECTION 3. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

**LAWS & RULES
COMMITTEE REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: _____

DATE: 1/15/25

Description:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NY CALLING UPON THE NEW YORK STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS AND TO GOVERNOR KATHY HOCHUL TO SIGN THE HUDSON VALLEY POWER AUTHORITY ACT (A 10332/59534 OF 2024)

Signature _____

Motion by TM

Seconded by SP

Action Required: _____

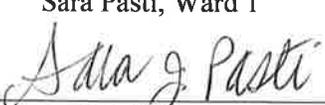
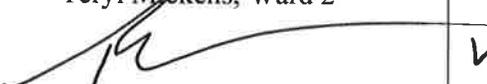
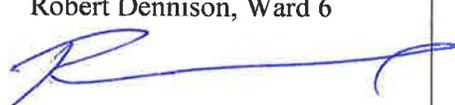
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Conditioned Negative Declaration: _____

Seek Lead Agency Status: _____

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Michele Hirsch, Chairman, Ward 9 	✓	
Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3 EXCUSED		
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 	✓	
Teryl Mickens, Ward 2 	✓	
Robert Dennison, Ward 6 		✓

RESOLUTION 19 OF 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NEW YORK, IN SUPPORT OF THE LOWER ESOPUS STREAM
MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Sponsored By: Laws & Rules Committee: Alderman Hirsch, Scott-Childress, Pasti, Dennison, Mickens

WHEREAS, the Lower Esopus is an important water resource that adds environmental and economic value to the communities through which it passes and the landowners along its banks; and

WHEREAS, unilateral actions by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection to release turbid water into the Lower Esopus from the Ashokan Reservoir resulted in an Order on Consent (DEC Case No. D007-0001-11, Appendix A) issued in 2013 that provided funding for the development and implementation of a Stream Management Plan (SMP) for the Lower Esopus Creek; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan was developed in collaboration with partners across the watershed through a rigorous planning process consisting of a data review, geomorphic assessment, public outreach, and both public and agency comment processes; and

WHEREAS, for the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan and the Implementation Projects contained therein to be successful require that the efforts of various state agencies, municipal governments, county departments, and nonprofit organizations work collaboratively towards a unified goal of ensuring that the Lower Esopus is a clean and vibrant creek providing value to all the communities along its route; and to safely enjoy; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston is one of seven municipalities sharing the Lower Esopus stream corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Lower Esopus Creek is an important community asset cherished by many people; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kingston Conservation Advisory Committee reviewed the Lower Esopus SMP and submitted comments on January 22, 2024 ; and

WHEREAS, the SMP Implementation Plan contains the several projects that the Conservation Advisory Committee submitted comments on April 12, 2024, and which the community supports and urges that these projects receive funding;

Reservoir Release Notification System,
Certified Floodplain Manager Initiative,
Baseflow Study and Environmental Flow Releases,
FEMA Map Revisions,
Flood Risk Studies along the Kingston and Town of Ulster boundary in the vicinity of Washington Avenue and Kingston Plaza,
Build Relationships with Key Organizations,
Management Plans for the Plattekill and Sawkill, and
Lower Esopus Watershed Coordinator

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. that the Common Council of the City of Kingston supports the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan; and be it further

SECTION 2. that the Common Council of the City of Kingston urges those state and federal agencies that provide funding for water quality and recreational resources recognize the SMP and the efforts associated with its development in their decisions regarding funding requests made in accordance with the Plan; and be it further

SECTION 3. that a copy of this Resolution be filed with the municipalities through which the Lower Esopus passes, the County and the federal and state agencies with jurisdiction, as well as state and federal representatives,

SECTION 4. That this resolution takes effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

LAWS & RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: CAC

DATE: 1/15/25

Description:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL ~~OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NY~~ IN SUPPORT OF THE LOWER ESOPUS STREAM MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Signature _____

Motion by SP

Seconded by TM

Action Required:

SEQRA Decision:
Type I Action _____
Type II Action _____
Unlisted Action _____

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

Conditioned Negative Declaration: _____

Seek Lead Agency Status: _____

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Michele Hirsch, Chairman, Ward 9 <i>Michele Hirsch</i> ✓		
Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3 EXCUSED		
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 <i>Sara g. Pasti</i> ✓	✓	
Teryl Mickens, Ward 2 <i>Teryl Mickens</i> ✓	✓	
Robert Dennison, Ward 6 <i>Robert Dennison</i> ✓	✓	

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Resolution in Support of the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan

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- Build Relationships with Key Organizations,
- Management Plans for the Plattekill and Sawkill, and
- Lower Esopus Watershed Coordinator

now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON supports the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON urges those state and federal agencies that provide funding for water quality and recreational resources recognize the SMP

and the efforts associated with its development in their decisions regarding funding requests made in accordance with the Plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be filed with the municipalities through which the Lower Esopus passes, the County and the federal and state agencies with jurisdiction, as well as state and federal representatives,

and moves its Adoption

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

**LAWS & RULES
COMMITTEE REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: <u>CAC</u>	DATE: <u>12/18/24</u>
<p>Description: <u>A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE</u> <u>CITY OF KINGSTON, NY IN SUPPORT OF THE LOWER</u> <u>ESOPUS STREAM MANAGEMENT PLAN.</u></p> <p align="center" style="font-size: 2em; opacity: 0.5;">TABLED</p>	
Signature _____	

Motion by _____

Seconded by _____

Action Required:

SEQRA Decision:
 Type I Action _____
 Type II Action _____
 Unlisted Action _____

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

Conditioned Negative Declaration: _____

Seek Lead Agency Status: _____

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Michele Hirsch, Chairman, Ward 9		
Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3		
Sara Pasti, Ward 1		
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Robert Dennison, Ward 6		

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January 22, 2024

To: Burt Samuelson, Planning and Ben Ganon, Department of the Environment

Copy: Consultants: Michael Chergosky and Jackie Van Der Hout

From: Emilie Hauser, Chair, on behalf of Kingston Conservation Advisory Council
eehauser@gmail.com, 845-430-9276

Re: Comments on the Lower Esopus Stream Management Plan DRAFT 12/18/2023

General Comments

Overall, the document is very well written and inclusive.

Both References and citations should be included: many citations are not listed.

Typo: SMP Objectives described in Sections 5.1 and 5.2. Objectives are in Sections 6.1 and 6.2.

Distinguish between objectives, strategies, and projects. Make it clear how each are used and described in the SMP and the Implementation Plan. Objectives should be SMART: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-Bounded. For example, this objective should be revised to be SMART:

Objective: Watershed Coordination Program.

Revision: By 2026, a watershed coordination program will be implemented that fosters collaboration and alignment between stakeholders.

Section and Page Specific Comments

Page 12: The IRP specifies three types of releases: a community release, a spill mitigation release, and an operational release (NYSDEC and DEP 2013).

- Comment: include short descriptions of these three types of releases.

Page 14: Invasive species and pathogens have also degraded upland forests and affected floodplain forest and stream dynamics.

- Comment: provide more descriptions of these. Are invasive species both animal and plant? Aquatic and terrestrial? What is meant by pathogens?

Page 15: Lower Esopus Creek faces challenges posed by climate change, releases from the Ashokan Reservoir.

- Comment: this sentence needs review and further discussion.

Page 16: Hurricane Irene:

- Comment: Often Hurricane Irene and Lee are listed together as they occurred so close in time.

Page 16: Large storm events, magnified by climate change, will continue to impact regional biogeochemical cycles, ecosystem metabolism, and thermal structures within reservoirs through the export of terrigenous dissolved organic matter (Yoon and Raymond 2012).

- Comment: This sentence could use more explanation. What is meant by export? Is dissolved organic matter being exported from the reservoir or to the system?

Page 17: areas with legacy glacial sediment

- Comment: Legacy implies created by humans. Perhaps a better phrase is “deposits of glacial sediments.”

Page 17: The absence of a centralized hub for watershed-wide data is also a challenge for appropriate management. Improved centralized organization will improve data access and management.

- Comment: Collection of consistent long-term water quality data is important. Specify what parameters are being monitored currently, including frequency and location, and what is planned for the future. Appendix 1 is cited regarding the *primary water quality parameters of concerns include turbidity, phosphorus, and viruses/coliform bacteria*, (page 12) but Appendix 1 is not included in the document, so no comments are possible. By watershed – does this imply basin observations or monitoring of tributaries such as Saw Kill and Plattekill?

Page 19: 5.2.4 Enjoyment -

- Comment: Creekside homeowners and other property owners should be included in the description as they enjoy the Creek and live with its problems 24/7/365.

Page 20: 5.3.1 Improving Water Quality

- Comments:
 - No mention of phosphorus is included in this paragraph even though throughout the document turbidity, phosphorus and bacteria are listed as a trio of water quality issues.
 - Are there plans to create TMDLs for any of these impairments: turbidity, phosphorus, and viruses/coliform bacteria? Noting that the Esopus is *listed as impaired for sediment under the Clean Water Act Section 303(d) and is regulated under New York Code Title 6 Reservoir Release Regulations* (page 12).

Page 20: A rigorous water quality testing program will be needed to monitor progress and identify spatial and temporal patterns in water quality degradation.

- Comment: Provide more detail on the “*rigorous water quality testing program*”.

Page 20: 5.3.3 Promoting Floodplain Management

- Comment: well stated.

Page 21: 5.3.4 Supporting Ecosystem Health and Biodiversity

- Comment: Creel surveys should be added to the list of types of surveys which can assess ecosystem health and biodiversity.

Page 21: 5.3.5 Encouraging Responsible Recreation

- Comment: Possibly add removal of debris dams and snags to enhance recreation subject to protocols as discussed elsewhere in our comments.

Page 21 et seq. 5.3.6 Engaging Local Communities

- Comment: this section uses the term communities and does not spell out the role of municipalities, NGOs, other stakeholders, property owners, decision makers and users. Municipalities have important roles in passing laws and ordinances, protecting wetlands and riparian buffers, providing access sites, and conducting programs through recreation departments and conservation advisory councils.

Page 22: 6.1 Watershed-Wide Objectives Thirteen watershed-wide objectives were identified for this assessment. These objectives provide discrete projects to help achieve the project goals.

- Comment: there are only 12 watershed-wide objectives listed. The headings under 6.1.1 to 6.1.12 are confusing, why are objectives listed as sub-headings? Distinguish between projects, objectives and strategies.

Page 22: 6.1.1 Lower Esopus Water Trail & Reservoir Release Notification

Objective: Create Water Trail for Lower Esopus Creek

- Comments:
 - Separate 6.1.1 into two objectives because Reservoir release notifications are needed despite whether a formal water trail is created. This point is even stated in the document: *Such a system of communication would also be a worthwhile project in its own right by keeping interested parties updated on flow rates.*
 - Suggestions for the two SMART objectives:
 - By 2034, a Lower Esopus Water Trail will be created for all navigable reaches.
 - By 2026, recreational users, property owners and local decision makers can easily access and understand real time flow rates from the Ashokan Reservoir.
 - It should be noted that the Water Trail can be discontinuous, including access from Saugerties Beach going upstream and access from Tina Chorvas Waterfront Park to the Saugerties Lighthouse in the tidal portion.
 - The economic opportunities of rental of paddling crafts should be mentioned under 6.1.1 as part of a water trail and Goal 5.3.5 and 5.3.6. At least two businesses already exist: Kenco and I Paddle New York.

Page 23: Text states “lack of absence of major obstacles in the stream between Marbletown Town Park and Glenerie Falls”

- Comment: The text may be inconsistent with page 47 and Figure 25 which discuss wood jams. While Page 23 acknowledges the need for a water trail maintenance plan, protocols

for removing wood jams in a manner that will not disturb habitat should be included together with safety protocols for recreational use concerning Glenerie Falls.

Page 23: 6.1.2 Watershed Coordination Program

- Comment: Watershed coordination is extremely important. The stream management plan and the Implementation Plan is a first step. There is also a need for a Watershed Management Plan. A Watershed Plan should be explicitly mentioned and described.

Page 26: 6.1.5 Septic System Assessment

- Comments:
 - Has it been determined that human waste and septic systems are the main source of bacterial contamination?
 - Mention should be made of local laws for septic inspection upon property transfer.

Page 26: 6.1.6 Riparian Buffers

Objective: Continue to establish riparian buffer easements along Esopus Creek

- Comments:
 - We suggest that easements be deleted from the Objective. List other methodologies besides easements to protect riparian buffers
 - Include NYSDEC Trees for Tribes <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/forests-trees/saratoga-tree-nursery/trees-for-tribs#New>.

Page 27: 6.1.8 Stormwater Management Improvements

- Comment: This is an important concern and green infrastructure is an important solution. Reduction of pollution through appropriate use of lawn and agriculture chemicals should also be covered.

Page 29: 6.1.11 Lower Esopus Creek Website

Regularly updated monitoring data on metrics such as river flow rates, turbidity levels, macroinvertebrate counts, and E. coli contamination. Data pertaining to Lower Esopus Creek can be managed through a centralized repository to decrease redundancy in data collection (for example, both Riverkeeper and the Ulster County Department of Health tracking E. coli contamination). Additionally, a centralized data repository would also allow for data gaps to be better identified. Improved data management could allow for coordination between various agencies, departments, municipalities, and organizations. Additionally, a centralized Lower Esopus Creek data repository would create an opportunity to track SMP implementation.

- Comments:
 - We agree that there should be regular, consistent, and funded monitoring data collection program with a centralized data repository.
 - Explain in more detail what data is being collected currently and what are the needs and gaps. An example of centralized data collection and real time dashboard is Hudson River Environmental Conditions Observing System (HRECOS.org), which collects water level, temperature, turbidity, specific conductivity, dissolved oxygen, and acidity.

Page 30: Development of a system for data collection

- Comment: The development of a consistent and sustained water quality testing and monitoring system should be thoroughly discussed with suggested parameters, collection points and frequency. Include a discussion of what parameters are monitored currently.

Page 30: 6.1.12 Building and Maintaining Relationships with Key Organizations

- Comments:
 - We suggest adding Kingston Land Trust as they are property owners along Esopus Creek in several locations and their mission is “protecting and providing access to land for the common good.”
 - A discussion about all stakeholders would be helpful. There are levels of stakeholder involvement and the roles they play: project team, advisory, promotional and users, for example.

Page 33: et. Seq. MZ 1 – Existing Conditions - “damaged beds of water celery (*Vallisneria americana*) in this Management Zone.”

- Comment: water celery has been recovering in the Hudson River since the high turbidity events in 2011, this may warrant mentioning. See <https://hrnerr.org/research-monitoring/mapping/>. Or restate as “it has been observed that high turbidity events such as Irene and Lee in 2011, have caused the temporary reduction in size and extent of the beds of the perennial water celery (*Vallisneria americana*).”

Page 37: 6.2.2 Esopus Bend – MZ 2

- Comment: Motorized boats are used in MZ 2. Include a similar objective to the one for MZ1: *Objective: Public Outreach for Motorized Watercrafts.*

Page 44 et seq. 6.2.4 Lake Katrine MZ 4:

- Comments
 - It should be noted that this zone includes parts of the Kingston at the southern, upstream reach from the city boundary near Wrentham Street, in the vicinity of Lincoln Park. (We note Lincoln Park is not a common descriptor for this area and it is not a hamlet or zip code designation even though it is on some maps.) In Kingston, this area has important floodplain wetlands, and the predominant land use is residential development.
 - Wood jams in the reach make it difficult for paddling and for a water trail. Removing wood jams would improve public access.
 - We agree that improving public access, for example through an accessible kayak launch in the reach, would allow for an improved paddler experience, either at Orlando Street or elsewhere.
- Comment: We agree with the following Objectives
 - Improve Public Access
 - Floodplain Management

- Plattekill and Saw Kill Stream Management Plans
- Comment: We also would like to point out the presence of water wells for the Town of Ulster Water District at Fording Place Road and Parish Lane in Lake Katrine, producing almost 307 million gallons annually. The wells draw from an unconfined aquifer and the impact on the base flow of the Esopus should be considered (Objective 6.1.4) Source: Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2022 Town of Ulster Water District.

Page 51: Note Figure 25

- Comment: Wood jams are discussed in 6.1.1 comments with respect to protocols and maintenance plan so as to not disturb habitat.

Page 52 et seq. 6.2.5 Interstate Crossing – MZ 5

Page 53: MZ-5 Human Infrastructure –

- *Comment:* Commercial development includes not only the Kingston Plaza, but also areas of impervious surfaces near the Roundabout, including car dealerships, hotels and apartment complexes, a Thruway work area, gas stations, park and ride, and bus garage. Some of these developments have been elevated, changing the flood way. This area flooded in April 2-3, 2005, besides any flooding related to Hurricanes Irene and Lee in 2011. We suggest adding an objective for flood studies of changes in flood way and flood zone and solutions for flood wall at the Plaza, under goal Promoting Floodplain Management 5.3.3. We further suggest that the flood studies we propose review the Kingson Meadows, the proposed development in the floodplain in the City of Kingston near to the Kingston Rail Trail (O&W) and the NYS Thruway as that proposal as presented to the Kingston Planning Board calls for significant engineering regarding elevations and movement of soil which could affect not j Kingston and the Town of Ulster.

Page 53: MZ 5- Public Use – Watertrail –

- Comment: An objective should be added specific to the launch on Sandy Road. This is not in Kingston but is just across Esopus. Kayak trips and races could occur here and there could be an opportunity to coordinate with Kenco, a nearby kayak rental business. The economic opportunities of rental of paddling crafts should be mentioned under 6.1.1 as part of a water trail and Goal 5.3.5 and 5.3.6. At least two businesses already exist: Kenco and I Paddle New York.

Page 53: MZ 5 - Objectives

Objective: Kingston-Esopus Waterfront Plan:

Primary Goal: Engaging Local Communities

- Comments:
 - Discussion has begun within Kingston government agencies on creating a Local Waterfront Revitalization Program (LWRP) for Kingston's Esopus Creek, this would include waterfront in MZ 4 from city line near Wrentham Street and all of MZ 5. The

LWRP is a project of the NYS Department of State. Other municipalities could also develop LWRPs on the Esopus.

- The Waterfront Plan suggested by the plan should include a discussion of the proposed development, Kingston Meadows, discussed by us under MZ-5 Human Infrastructure above.
- Maintenance Plan and wood jams discussed in our 6.1.1 comments would also apply.
- Efforts to provide access on the City of Kingston side would be included, while acknowledging that the Sandy Road boat launch located in the Town of Esopus is only a short distance from the Washington Avenue bridge, the bus station, and the O&W Rail Trail.
- Ideas expressed under **6.1.9 Public Events**, have applications to the MZ 5 with regard to Goal 5.3.1 **Improving Water Quality**. We suggest the addition of workshops for property owners on ways to mitigate run-off from parking lots and other impermeable surfaces with the use of constructed green infrastructure as well as the reduction of lawn care chemicals. A watershed coordinator would be helpful in monitoring water quality and suggesting remedies, including the use of TMDLs if necessary.

Page 56: 6.2.6 Northern Hurley – MZ 6

Page 60: Figure 36

- Comment: A wood jam is shown in Figure 36. Maintenance Plan and wood jams discussed in our 6.1.1 comments would also apply here.

Page 87: Section 8 Conclusions:

- Comment: The flood study proposed under our MZ 5 comments and the Maintenance Plan that should include log jam protocols should be included in conclusions and next steps.

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CITY OF KINGSTON
Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission
planning@kingston-ny.gov



Suzanne Cahill, Planning Director

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

November 25, 2024

Ald. At large Andrea Shaut, President
City of Kingston Common Council
City Hall – 420 Broadway
Kingston, Ny 12401

RE: 265 Fair Street – Fireman’s Museum of Kingston
Lease Agreement

Dear President Shaut:

As you are aware, our office has taken on a role in working with and supporting the Volunteer Fireman’s Museum in uptown Kingston as one of our city-owned and operated historic facilities which promote the history and heritage of the community. This is to request consideration by the Common Council to authorize the mayor to enter into a lease agreement, or possibly a Memorandum of Understanding, with the Volunteer Fireman’s Museum, who occupies and facilitates the public museum at 265 Fair Street. The property is owned by the City of Kingston, and we work directly with the group to assist in the regular care and maintenance of the structure, but the organization, which is a 501 C3 Not for Profit, runs it and is on site daily. A prior lease agreement has expired, and it is in the best interest of the City and the organization to renew the arrangement to set forth responsibilities and minimize liabilities.

The City Corporation Counsel Office is currently working to draft language that would update the prior instrument and that will be submitted to you in advance of the assigned Committee’s review. We are looking at applying for a grant and need to demonstrate a valid lease for the premises as one of the application conditions. Given the timing of that submission, I respectfully ask that you refer this matter, and I will work directly through you, along with the Committee Chair, to make sure the information is provided.

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact this office.

Regards,

Suzanne Cahill
Planning Director

Cc: S. Noble, Mayor
E. Tinti, City Clerk
B. Graves-Poller, Corp Counsel
M. Jankowski, Assist. Corp. Counsel
M. Berthiaume, Pres. Fireman’s Museum Board
N. Kikel, Grants Manager

RESOLUTION 20 OF 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NY AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION TO RESOLUTION 113 OF 2015**

Sponsored By: Laws & Rules Committee: Alderman Hirsch, Scott-Childress, Pasti, Dennison, Mickens

WHEREAS, Kingston is home to a wide range of arts disciplines, including visual, performing, and communications arts; individual artists, community-led arts and cultural organizations, businesses, and historical societies; and

WHEREAS, the arts in Kingston are in abundance and have the potential to contribute significantly to the continued revitalization of Kingston, Ulster County, and the region; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kingston formally approved the establishment of the City of Kingston Arts Commission in 2015 to serve as an umbrella organization to support and promote visual and performing arts activity, working directly with relevant staff, policy experts, and the community to develop the arts for the economic revitalization of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kingston formally approved the establishment of the City of Kingston Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kingston formally adopted the City of Kingston Arts and Culture Master Plan, currently in Implementation Phase III, on March 1 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kingston formally adopted the City of Kingston Public Art Policy and Municipal Art Collection Plan on July 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the arts are responsible for reinvesting \$160 million back into the Kingston economy on an annual basis (Source: 2022 Arts and Culture Master Plan Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the revised purpose of the Kingston Arts Commission's mission is to advise the Mayor and Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs on the implementation of the City of Kingston's Arts and Culture Master Plan, and Public Art Policy/Municipal Art Collection Plan. The Commission also makes recommendations to the Mayor and the Common Council on the development of cultural activities throughout the city; advises the further development, implementation, evaluation, and

potential modification of other municipal policies and legislation as they pertain to arts and culture; serves to ensure that our area youth, artists, art organizations, art businesses, residents can equitably experience the benefits of this burgeoning arts economy.

SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of nine (9) voting members appointed by the Mayor. The composition of the commission should to the extent possible reflect the broad diversity of the communities the City of Kingston serves. Diversity includes a broad range of backgrounds and perspectives — including but not limited to race, color, ethnicity, gender, language, nationality, sexual orientation, religion, socio-economic status, age, mental and physical ability, as well as experience and skillsets. Four (4) members of the commission shall be arts professionals, and five (5) shall be community members with arts-related specialties in policy, urban planning, economic development, resource development, education, or related fields. Arts professionals shall be defined as individuals having knowledge of the arts and recognized by peers as professional practitioners and/or administrators in the visual, performing, or communications arts or a combination thereof, as judged by the quality of their body of work, education, experience, past commissions, exhibition/performance record, publications, production of artworks, and service of their arts-related enterprise to the community of artists and makers. A Commission member shall receive no compensation for her/his services and this group will form rules of procedure as deemed necessary.

There shall be one (1) non-voting ex-officio member, or their designee – the Director of Planning or as appointed by the Mayor.

The Commission shall have a designated liaison representative from the Common Council appointed by the Common Council President.

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Relationship with Staff

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SECTION 3. That the Kingston Arts Commission will serve as a resource, and collaborative partner for the Director of Arts and Cultural Affairs, the City elected officials, municipal staff, the City's Boards, Committees and Commissions, and the arts community of Kingston,

- a) Advising on the implementation of the Arts and Culture

Master Plan, the Public Art Policy and the Municipal Art Collection Plan;

- b) Advising on and advocating for the further development, implementation, evaluation, and potential modification of the City's policies and legislation as they relate to arts and culture;
- c) Advocating for the role and value of arts and culture in civic life;
- d) Promoting greater public participation in, and access to arts and culture;
- e) Exploring alternative sources of funding and advocating for support of the Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs and making recommendations to the Mayor;
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SECTION 4. That the Kingston Arts Commission will make recommendations and advise the Mayor and the Arts and Cultural Affairs Director on the implementation of the Public Arts Policy/Municipal Art Collection Plan and establish the goals and priorities for the Public Art Committee:

- Receive periodic reports from the Public Art Committee on its proceedings;
- Review and approve recommendations from the Public Arts Committee on all projects and works to be added to the Municipal Art Collection, maintenance and care of the Collection and supportive funding plans;
- Conduct a review every other year of goals, policies, and guidelines as they pertain to policy and acquisition of artwork on behalf of the City
- Suggest policies regarding Public Art to conform with the policies of Heritage and Landmarks Commissions and other City codes, as well as addressing the interests of the immediate communities.

SECTION 5. That the Kingston Arts Commission in all of its work shall take into account the unique

assets of the City of Kingston and shall also take into account the successes and achievements of related revitalization efforts in other cities around the country.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

LAWS & RULES
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: _____

DATE: 1/15/25

Description:

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NY AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION TO RESOLUTION 113 OF 2015
AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE KINGSTON PLTS
COMMISSION, AS ATTACHED.

Signature _____

Motion by RAD

Seconded by SP

Action Required:

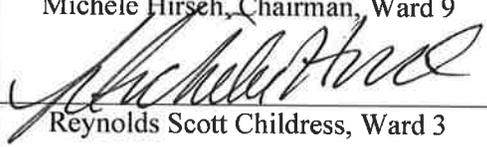
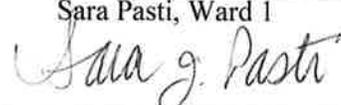
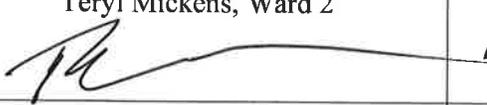
SEQRA Decision:
Type I Action _____
Type II Action _____
Unlisted Action _____

Negative Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

Conditioned Negative Declaration: _____

Seek Lead Agency Status: _____

Positive Declaration of Environmental Significance: _____

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Michele Hirsch, Chairman, Ward 9 	✓	
Reynolds Scott Childress, Ward 3 <u>EXCUSED</u>		
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 	✓	
Teryl Mickens, Ward 2 	✓	
Robert Dennison, Ward 6 	✓	

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Steven T. Noble
Mayor



January 2nd, 2025

Honorable Andrea Shaut
President/Alderman-at-Large
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: Modifying Resolution 113 of 2015

Dear President Shaut,

At the request of the Arts Commission and Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs, several modifications have been proposed to Resolution 113 of 2015. I would also recommend that these modifications be made official. A draft of the updated resolution is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

Resolution ### of 2025

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NY AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION TO RESOLUTION 113 OF 2015

WHEREAS, Kingston is home to a wide range of arts disciplines, including visual, performing, and communications arts; individual artists, community-led arts and cultural organizations, businesses, and historical societies; and

WHEREAS, the arts in Kingston are in abundance and have the potential to contribute significantly to the continued revitalization of Kingston, Ulster County, and the region; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kingston formally approved the establishment of the City of Kingston Arts Commission in 2015 to serve as an umbrella organization to support and promote visual and performing arts activity, working directly with relevant staff, policy experts, and the community to develop the arts for the economic revitalization of the City; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kingston formally approved the establishment of the City of Kingston Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kingston formally adopted the City of Kingston Arts and Culture Master Plan, currently in Implementation Phase III, on March 1 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Kingston formally adopted the City of Kingston Public Art Policy and Municipal Art Collection Plan on July 2, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the arts are responsible for reinvesting \$160 million back into the Kingston economy on an annual basis (Source: 2022 Arts and Culture Master Plan Economic and Fiscal Impact Analysis);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the revised purpose of the Kingston Arts Commission’s mission is to advise the Mayor and Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs on the implementation of the City of Kingston’s Arts and Culture Master Plan, and Public Art Policy/Municipal Art Collection Plan. The Commission also makes recommendations to the Mayor and the Common Council on the development of cultural activities throughout the city; advises the further development, implementation, evaluation, and potential modification of other municipal policies and legislation as they pertain to arts and culture; serves to ensure that our area youth, artists, art organizations, art businesses, residents can equitably experience the benefits of this burgeoning arts economy.

SECTION 2. The commission shall consist of nine (9) **voting** members appointed by the Mayor. The

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BY THE COMMON COUNCIL.

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The Director of Arts and Cultural Affairs, who reports to the Mayor, or their designee, shall serve as the city staff member specifically charged with the responsibility of implementing the Kingston Arts Commission's recommendations as approved by the Mayor, and in coordination with other municipal agencies and advisory boards for projects undertaken by the Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs.

SECTION 3. That the Kingston Arts Commission will serve as a resource, and collaborative partner for the Director of Arts and Cultural Affairs, the City elected officials, municipal staff, the City's Boards, Committees and Commissions, and the arts community of Kingston,

- a) Advising on the implementation of the Arts and Culture Master Plan, the Public Art Policy and the Municipal Art Collection Plan;
- b) Advising on and advocating for the further development, implementation, evaluation, and potential modification of the City's policies and legislation as they relate to arts and culture;
- c) Advocating for the role and value of arts and culture in civic life;
- d) Promoting greater public participation in, and access to arts and culture;
- e) Exploring alternative sources of funding and advocating for support of the Department of Arts and Cultural Affairs and making recommendations to the Mayor;
- f) Serving as a conduit for the Kingston community on cultural and arts

initiatives to ensure that residents can equitably experience the benefits of the arts, such as social cohesion, wellbeing, creative problem-solving and educational achievement;

- g) Serving as a conduit for members of the Kingston community to communicate to the City their arts and culture needs, wishes, and ideas.

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- Conduct a review every other year of goals, policies, and guidelines as they pertain to policy and acquisition of artwork on behalf of the City
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SECTION 5. That the Kingston Arts Commission in all of its work shall take into account the unique assets of the City of Kingston and shall also take into account the successes and achievements of related revitalization efforts in other cities around the country.

SECTION 6. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Resolution 113 of 2015

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF THE KINGSTON ARTS COMMISSION

Sponsored by: Laws & Rules/Cable Committee: Aldermen
Will, Dawson, Seche, Schabot, Brown

WHEREAS, Kingston is home to a wide range of arts organizations and disciplines, including visual, performing, and communications arts – from UPAC to community-led arts and cultural organizations; and

WHEREAS, the arts in Kingston are a rich and ready resource, made up of artists and arts businesses that have the potential to contribute significantly to the revitalization of Kingston, much the same as the arts have done in Beacon, Catskill, Pittsfield, MA, North Adams, MA and numerous other cities around the country; and

WHEREAS, the arts were responsible for injecting \$161 million directly into the Ulster County economy (source: 2014 report by the Center for Research, Regional Education and Outreach (CRREO), *Mid-Hudson Arts & Culture: the Economic Impact*, p. 41); and

WHEREAS, BusinessWeek Online on February 26, 2007 declared Kingston to be one of the 10 best cities in the country for artists to live in; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor initiated an ad hoc Arts Advisory Board on March 7, 2013 for the purpose of creating a “Summer of the Arts, an Ongoing Festival”; and

WHEREAS, subsequent meetings of the Arts Advisory Board have brought together significant members of the arts community in Kingston, including representatives from art-related businesses, theaters, art societies, galleries, visual and performing arts festivals, arts studios, art teachers, individual artists, and supporters of the arts from the non-arts business community; and

WHEREAS, this body meets regularly on the last Tuesday of each month; and

WHEREAS, this body has served as a forum for outreach in the Kingston neighborhoods, branding and digital promotion of the arts in Kingston, the formation of an Arts District(s), the highlighting of the plethora of accomplished – and in many cases world-famous – artists in Ulster County, the redevelopment of underused buildings suitable for artist studios or pop-up exhibits, fostering closer relationships with the City’s and Region’s educational institutions; and

WHEREAS, a formalized Kingston Arts Commission would serve the very important function of an umbrella committee to coordinate and

promote all the arts activities in the City of Kingston in order to maximize their economic effect and to serve as a liaison between the arts community and the Mayor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City of Kingston recognizes the economic benefit of the arts to the City of Kingston.

SECTION 2. That the Arts Advisory Board be established as the "Kingston Arts Commission" to coordinate and promote visual and performing arts activity, working directly with relevant staff, policy experts and the community to develop the arts for the economic revitalization of the City.

SECTION 3. The purpose of the Kingston Arts Commission is to strengthen the local economy by attracting and promoting artists, arts venues, and arts entrepreneurs; encouraging cultural tourism; creating opportunities for training and employment in a range of creative fields; and enhancing quality of life amenities that will make Kingston a more attractive City in which to live. By so doing, the City of Kingston will gain greater regional and national recognition.

SECTION 4. The commission shall consist of nine (9) voting members appointed by the Mayor with the approval of the Common Council. Six (6) members of the commission shall be arts professionals, and three (3) shall be community members with an interest in the arts. Arts professionals shall be defined as individuals having knowledge of the arts and recognized by peers as professional practitioners in the visual, performing, or communications arts or a combination thereof, as judged by the quality of that practitioner's body of work, education, experience, past commissions, exhibition/performance record, publications, production of artworks, and service of their arts-related enterprise to the community of artists and makers. A commission member shall receive no compensation for her/his services.

There shall be three (3) non-voting ex-officio members, or their designees, consisting of the: City Planner, Director of Economic Development, and a member of the Heritage Area Commission.

The voting Commission members will serve for three-year terms, subject to reappointment, and vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment except that a vacancy occurring other than by an expiration of term shall be filled only for the remainder of the unexpired term, and this group will form rules of procedure as they deem necessary.

The first three appointees shall serve a term of one (1) year. The second three appointees shall serve a term of two (2) years. The third three appointees shall serve a term of three years. Thereafter, all appointments shall be for a term of three (3) years.

Selection of officers. The commission shall annually select from among its members a chair and vice-chair or co-chairs as necessary and/or appropriate. The Mayor shall designate a City employee to oversee implementation of the Commission's responsibilities.

SECTION 5. That the Kingston Arts Commission will serve as a resource and a collaborative partner for City elected officials, municipal staff and the City's Boards, Committees and Commissions by

- a) advocating for the role and value of arts and culture in civic life;
- b) promoting greater public participation in, and access to arts and culture;
- c) advocating for, exploring, and identifying alternative sources of arts and culture funding, including, but not limited to, grants, donations, and corporate sponsorship;
- d) advising on and advocating for the development, implementation, evaluation, and potential modification of the City's arts and culture policies, legislation, programs and services with an aim of fostering a wide range of arts and cultural offerings that engage a diverse public audience;
- e) Facilitating art in public buildings and public spaces by:
 - 1) Developing and recommending to the Mayor and the Common Council a public arts policy.
 - 2) Informing the residents of and visitors to Kingston about public art programs, events, schedules, etc.
 - 3) Advancing the City of Kingston as an "arts destination" and engage public art as a major attraction for artists, cultural tourism, and economic development.
 - 4) Advising the Mayor and the Common Council on the site and content of public art.
 - 5) Recommending a procedure for the selection of art and/or artists, which will include public input as well as appropriate staff review.
 - 6) Recommending to the Mayor on the acceptance of works of art.

SECTION 6. The powers of the Commission shall be:

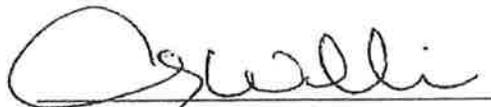
- 1) To produce an annual calendar of arts events, including related crafts events, subject to the approval of the Mayor and the Common Council.
- 2) To coordinate fundraising, by seeking grants, from government and private sources, subject to approval of the Mayor and Common Council.
- 3) Promote arts and cultural events in public buildings and public art projects
- 4) Carry out such functions with respect to future "arts districts" as may be set forth in legislation creating said districts, consistent with the final Comprehensive Plan.

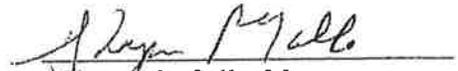
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SECTION 8. That this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this 6th day
of May, 2015

Approved by the Mayor this 8th
day of May, 2015


Carly Williams, City Clerk


Shayne R. Gallo, Mayor

Adopted by Council on May 5, 2015

RESOLUTION 21 OF 2025

Ordinance: Handicap Parking

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE TRAFFIC ON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, REMOVING HANDICAP PARKING ON WALNUT AVENUE

Sponsored By: Public Safety/General Government Committee:
Alderman Dennison, Andrews, Pasti, Scott-Childress, Mickens

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety and the needs of the residents, parking on the street must be regulated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1- Article 7, SECTION 390-57, SCHEDULE XX, "HANDICAP PARKING" is hereby amended by REMOVING the following:

"HANDICAP PARKING" is to be REMOVED at 10 Walnut Avenue

SECTION 2- All ordinances and parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby appealed

SECTION 3- This resolution shall take place immediately after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: _____

DATE: 1/22

Description:

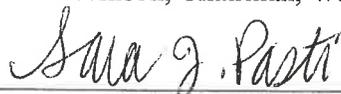
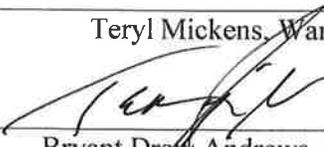
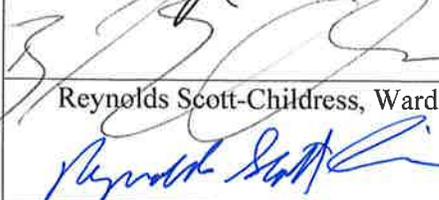
REMOVAL OF ADA PARKING SIGNS AT
10 WALNUT AVE.

Signature _____

Motion by RJC

Seconded by TMB

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
 Robert Dennison, Chairman, Ward 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Jeanne Edwards, Ward 4 Sara Pasti, Ward 1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teryl Mickens, Ward 5	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
 Reynolds Scott-Childress, Ward 3	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2024 11:56 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Fw: Handicapped Parking Signage Removal

Elisa,

Please add the below email to my communication folder.

Thank you,

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

From: Schabot, Steven <Ward8@kingston-ny.gov>
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2024 7:12 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>
Cc: Dennison, Bob <Ward6@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: Handicapped Parking Signage Removal

The handicapped signs at 10 Walnut Street, Kingston may be removed as there is no longer a need for them.

Thank you

Respectfully Submitted

Steven Schabot

Alderman 8th Ward

RESOLUTION 22 OF 2025

Ordinance: Handicap Parking

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE TRAFFIC ON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, REMOVING HANDICAP PARKING ON DOWNS STREET

Sponsored By: Public Safety/General Government Committee:
Alderman Dennison, Andrews, Pasti, Scott-Childress, Mickens

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety and the needs of the residents, parking on the street must be regulated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1- Article 7, SECTION 390-57, SCHEDULE XX, “HANDICAP PARKING” is hereby amended by REMOVING the following:

“HANDICAP PARKING” is to be REMOVED at 170 Downs Street

SECTION 2- All ordinances and parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby appealed

SECTION 3- This resolution shall take place immediately after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: _____

DATE: 1/22/

Description:

*REMOVAL OF ADA PARKING SIGNS AT
 170 DOWNS STREET.*

Signature _____

Motion by AD

Seconded by SP.

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<i>[Signature]</i> Robert Dennison, Chairman, Ward 6	2	
<i>Sara g. Pasti</i> Jeanne Edwards, Ward 4 <i>Sara Pasti</i>	✓	
Teryl Mickens, Ward 5		
<i>[Signature]</i> Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7	✓	
<i>[Signature]</i> Reynolds Scott-Childress, Ward 3 <i>Reynolds Scott Childress</i>	✓	



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Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Wednesday, December 18, 2024 8:51 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Communication

Good morning,

I received a request from a Q-alert to remove the handicap signage at 170 Downs St. The tenant who needed the parking spot no longer has a car; therefore, the signage is unnecessary.

Can you please add this email to my communication folder?

Sincerely,

Andrea Shaut

Council President, City of Kingston

RESOLUTION 23 OF 2025

Ordinance: Handicap Parking

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE TRAFFIC ON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, ADDING HANDICAP PARKING ON SMITH AVENUE

Sponsored By: Public Safety/General Government Committee:
Alderman Dennison, Andrews, Pasti, Scott-Childress, Mickens

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety and the needs of the residents, parking on the street must be regulated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1- Article 7, SECTION 390-57, SCHEDULE XX, "HANDICAP PARKING" is hereby amended by ADDING the following:

"HANDICAP PARKING" is to be ADDED at 8 Smith Avenue

SECTION 2- All ordinances and parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby appealed

SECTION 3- This resolution shall take place immediately after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: _____

DATE: 1/22/11

Description:

INSTALL ADA PARKING SIGNS @
B SMITH AVE

Signature _____

Motion by RSC

Seconded by TM.

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
<u>[Signature]</u> Robert Dennison, Chairman, Ward 6	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Steven T. Noble
Mayor



January 2nd, 2025

Honorable Andrea Shaut
President/Alderman-at-Large
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: ADA Signage at 8 Smith Ave

Dear President Shaut,

It has come my attention that a resident living at 8 Smith Avenue would benefit from ADA parking signage in front his home. I recommend that the Council take all necessary steps to accommodate this request. A copy of his DMV tag is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven T. Noble", is written over a horizontal line.

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

RESOLUTION 24 OF 2025

Ordinance: No Parking

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE TRAFFIC ON THE PUBLIC STREETS OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, ADDING “NO PARKING” ON MERILINA AVENUE BETWEEN VOORHEES AVENUE AND BOULDER AVENUE

Sponsored By: Public Safety/General Government Committee:
Alderman Dennison, Andrews, Pasti, Scott-Childress, Mickens

WHEREAS, in the interest of safety and the needs of the residents, parking on the street must be regulated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1- Article 7, SECTION 390-97, SCHEDULE XIV, “NO PARKING” is hereby amended by ADDING the following:

“NO PARKING” is to be ADDED at on Merilina Avenue between Voorhees Avenue and Boulder Avenue

SECTION 2- All ordinances and parts thereof, inconsistent herewith are hereby appealed

SECTION 3- This resolution shall take place immediately after passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: _____

DATE: _____

Description:

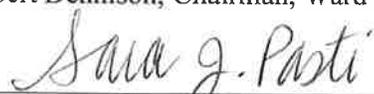
INSTALL NO PARKING SIGNS ON
 NERICINA AVE AS PER CITY ENGINEER
 BETWEEN VOORHES & BOULDER AVE.

Signature _____

Motion by TM

Seconded by DA

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
 Robert Dennison, Chairman, Ward 6	✓	
 Jeanne Edwards, Ward 4 Sara Pasti, Ward 1	✓	
Teryl Mickens, Ward 5 	✓	
Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7 	✓	
Reynolds Scott-Childress, Ward 3 	✓	



PS+GG

Tinti, Elisa

From: Pasti, Sara
Sent: Tuesday, November 5, 2024 11:16 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: Amended Communication Regarding Signage on Merilina Avenue

Dear President Shaut,

Please accept this message as an amended communication to the one I submitted on October 31st to be placed on the agenda of the appropriate committee in November.

I am requesting signage to be installed on the block of Merilina Avenue between Voorhees and Boulder Avenues to help mitigate traffic blocking the street during Edson School student pick-up and drop-off.

The exact language for the proposed signs is still to come, but I expect that it will be available in time for discussion within the week--in time for this month's Committee meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of this amended communication.

Sincerely,

Sara Pasti

Sara Pasti
Ward 1 Alderwoman
Kingston Common Council
(845) 392-2519

Postponed til ~~December~~ January
meeting to allow for
comment from John
Schultheis.
December Public Safety

RESOLUTION 25 of 2025

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK, RECOMMENDING THE APPOINTMENT OF PHILIP BENDER-TYMON TO THE BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Sponsored By: Public Safety/General Government Committee:
Alderman: Dennison, Pasti, Mickens, Andrews,
Scott-Childress

WHEREAS, Philip Bender-Tymon’s position on the Board of Assessment Review expired on September 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, this vacancy is to be filled by resolution of the Common Council pursuant to Section 523 of the Real Property Tax Law; and

WHEREAS, Philip Bender-Tymon has expressed an interest in being re-appointed to the Board of Assessment Review.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Common Council of the City of Kingston hereby re-appoints Philip Bender-Tymon of 29 Voorhees Avenue, Kingston, New York as a member of the Board of Assessment Review with said term ending on September 30, 2029.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

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THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY/GENERAL GOVERNMENT
COMMITTEE REPORT

DEPARTMENT: _____

DATE: _____

Description:

~~APPROVAL~~ OF APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER
OF BOARD OF ASSESSMENT.
Philip Bender-Tymon TO FILL A
VACANCY EXPIRING 9/30/29 -

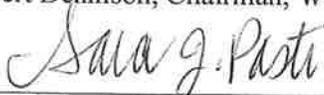
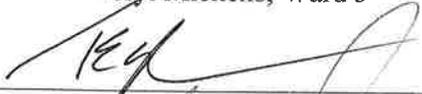
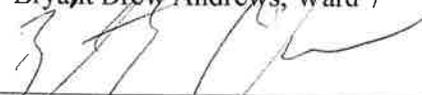
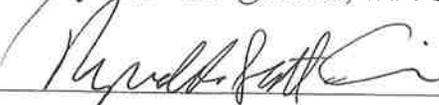
Signature _____



Motion by TM.

Seconded by DA.

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>		<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
	Robert Dennison, Chairman, Ward 6	✓	
	Jeane Edwards, Ward 4	✓	
	Sara Pasti, Ward 1	ts	
	Teryl Mickens, Ward 5	✓	
	Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7	✓	
	Reynolds Scott-Childress, Ward 3	✓	



Tinti, Elisa

From: Baker, Daniel
Sent: Thursday, November 7, 2024 3:40 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Noble, Steve; Tinti, Elisa; matthew.branford@gmail.com
Subject: Board of Assessment Review Appointment
Attachments: 2024 Board of Assessment Review Member List.pdf

Madam President,

Please accept this email as an official communication.

On 9.30.2024 the term of Philip Bender-Tymon expired as a member of the City of Kingston's Board of Assessment Review (BAR). Philip has been a very valuable member of the Board of Assessment Review. I am hopeful that the Common Council will reappoint Philip to another 5-year term. Philip has indicated he would be willing to serve if appointed.

His experience and professionalism as a BAR member would be invaluable to the City of Kingston.

In accordance with Chapter 8 of the City of Kingston Charter, the Common Council will need to pass a resolution to reappoint Philip Bender-Tymon or to fill this seat with a new member.

<https://ecode360.com/12699865>

Attached is the current BAR member list and their expiration dates of their terms.

Please refer this communication to the most appropriate committee of your choosing to fill this vacant seat.

Respectfully,

Daniel Baker, SCAA

Assessor

City of Kingston

(845) 334-3912

dbaker@kingston-ny.gov

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Board of Assessment Review Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Phillip Bender-Tymon	9/30/24
Virginia Davis	9/30/25
Matthew Branford	9/30/26
Paul Famiglietti	9/30/27
David Niles	9/30/28

RESOLUTION 26 of 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON,
NEW YORK, APPROVING THE KINGSTON CITY LAND BANK'S PROPOSAL
FOR THE PURCHASE OF 46 GRAND STREET**

Sponsored By: Finance/Audit Committee: Alderman: Scott-Childress, Tierney, Mickens, Schabot, Pasti

WHEREAS, pursuant to a Request for Expressions of Interest regarding the sale of 46 Grand Street, request has been made by the Kingston City Land Bank to purchase 46 Grand Street, SBL, 56.26-8-47 and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Audit Committee has received, reviewed and approved this request.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KINGSTON, NEW YORK AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the Common Council of the City of Kingston, New York, approves the proposal of the Kingston City Land Bank for 46 Grand Street, SBL 56.26-8-47.

SECTION 2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

Submitted to the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Approved by the Mayor this ____ day of _____, 2025

Elisa Tinti, City Clerk

Steven T. Noble, Mayor

Adopted by Council on _____, 2025

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THE CITY OF KINGSTON COMMON COUNCIL
FINANCE/AUDIT
COMMITTEE REPORT

REQUEST DESCRIPTION

INTERNAL TRANSFER _____
AUTHORIZATION _____
CLAIMS _____

CONTINGENCY TRANSFER _____
BUDGET MODIFICATION _____
ZONING _____

TRANSFER _____
BONDING REQUEST _____
OTHER _____

DEPARTMENT: _____ DATE: 1/8/2025

Description: Resolution of the City of Kingston Common Council to sell 46 Grand St to the Kingston City Land Bank for \$11, with the condition that at least one unit will be 60% AMI and all other units at 80% AMI or below.

Estimated Financial Impact: \$ 1.00 Signature _____

Motion by MT

Seconded by SP

Action Required:

<u>Committee Vote</u>	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
Reynolds Scott-Childress, Chairman, Ward 3 <i>Reynolds Scott-Childress</i>	✓	
Michael Tierney, Ward 2 <i>Michael Tierney</i>	✓	
Bryant Drew Andrews, Ward 7 <i>Bryant Drew Andrews</i>	✓	
Steve Schabot, Ward 8 <i>Steve Schabot</i>	✓	
Sara Pasti, Ward 1 <i>Sara g. Pasti</i>	✓	

CITY OF KINGSTON

Office of the Mayor

mayor@kingston-ny.gov

FYA

Steven T. Noble
Mayor



November 4th, 2024

Honorable Andrea Shaut
President/Alderman-at-Large
Kingston Common Council
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Re: 46 Grand Street

Dear President Shaut,

The Office of Housing Initiatives recently conducted an RFEI to solicit interested individuals and organizations who would like to utilize 46 Grand Street. Respondents were asked to put forth their plan, as well as how much they proposed to purchase the building for from the City. An RFP review committee was formed and reviewed a variety of applications from private contractors to nonprofits, some of which included; proposing to create community space, offer community services or build affordable housing.

The RFP review committee has proposed that the COOP Concept be allowed to move forward. Prior to any decision by the Common Council, I would encourage the body to meet with the leadership of the Coop Concept to learn about the proposal, to determine whether this entity has the financial ability to complete this project and whether the proposed uses fit our zoning and building code prior to the transfer of the property.

Respectfully Submitted,

Steven T. Noble
Mayor

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RFEI#: K24-25
Request for Expressions of Interest Regarding the Sale of 46 Grand



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KINGSTON, NY

Steven T. Noble
Bartek Starodaj

Mayor of the City of Kingston
Director of Housing Initiatives

The City of Kingston, New York hereinafter referred to as (the "City") is seeking responses from qualified applicants to purchase a vacant property currently owned by the City of Kingston. This RFEI is intended as a preliminary step to determine the level of interest by potential purchasers.

RFEI Release Date: June 26, 2024
RFEI Number: RFEI K24-25
Proposals Due: August 1, 2024

Definitions:

An "RFEI" describes the situation in which interest in a project needs to be assessed and useful information is solicited from interested parties. Respondents are invited to propose solutions that will result in the satisfaction of the City's objectives. The proposed solutions are evaluated against a predetermined set of criteria.

The term "Respondent" means any firm or individual submitting a response for the services listed in this RFEI. The term "response" means the material submitted by a Respondent in reply to this RFEI.

RFEI/Project Contact Person:

Bartek Starodaj
Director of Housing Initiatives
City Hall, 420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401

Telephone: (845) 334-3928 **Email:** bstarodaj@kingston-ny.gov

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RECEIPT CONFIRMATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS CONFIRMATION FORM WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIVING THIS RFEI SPECIFICATION TO:

Bartek Starodaj
City Hall, 420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401
Telephone: (845) 334-3928
bstarodaj@kingston-ny.gov

Failure to return this form may result in no further communication or addenda regarding this RFEI.

Company Name/Contact Person:

Address:

City: _____ State: _____ Zip

Code: _____

Telephone Number: _____ EXT: _____ Fax:

Email:

I have received a copy of the above noted RFP Specification. Mark one choice below.

_____ We plan to submit a PROPOSAL.

_____ We DO NOT plan to submit a PROPOSAL (please indicate reason below).

Signature:

Title:

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1.0 PROPERTY OVERVIEW

The City of Kingston, New York hereinafter referred to as (the "City") is seeking responses from qualified purchasers to purchase a vacant property currently owned by the City of Kingston. The City is interested in rehabilitating and renewing the property with site uses that create community benefits via commercial or residential activity that complements the current structures and use patterns currently existing in the neighborhood.

This RFEI is intended as a preliminary step to determine the level of interest by potential purchasers. The successful respondent to the RFEI will negotiate the terms and conditions of the sale of these parcels the terms of which will be contained in an Agreement negotiated by and between the Purchaser and the City.

There is one site for which the City will contemplate proposals for purchase; the location is as follows:

46 Grand
SBL# 56.26-8-47

The property is a vacant two-story mixed-use property with approximately 3,000 sq ft. Historically, the ground floor commercial space was used as a bar/tavern.

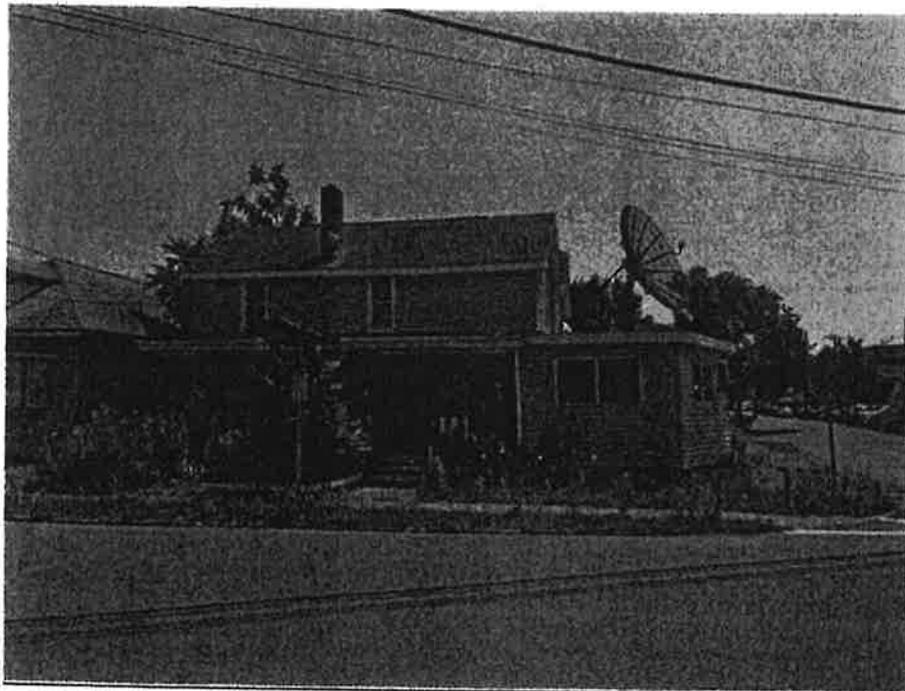


Figure 1 - 46 Grand Front

City of Kingston, NY

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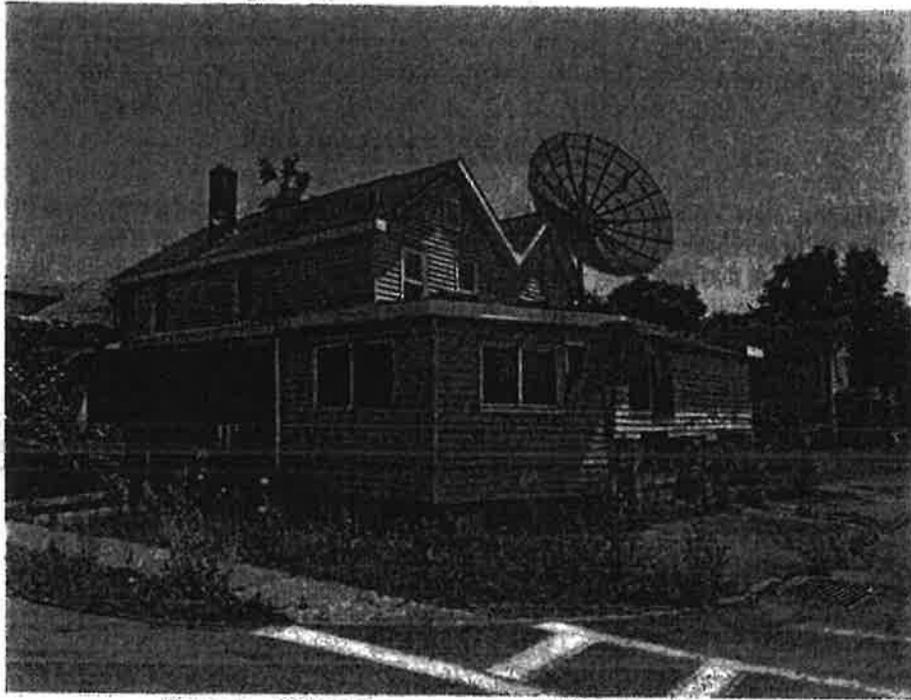


Figure 2 - 46 Grand Corner Grand St/Hasbrouck Avenue

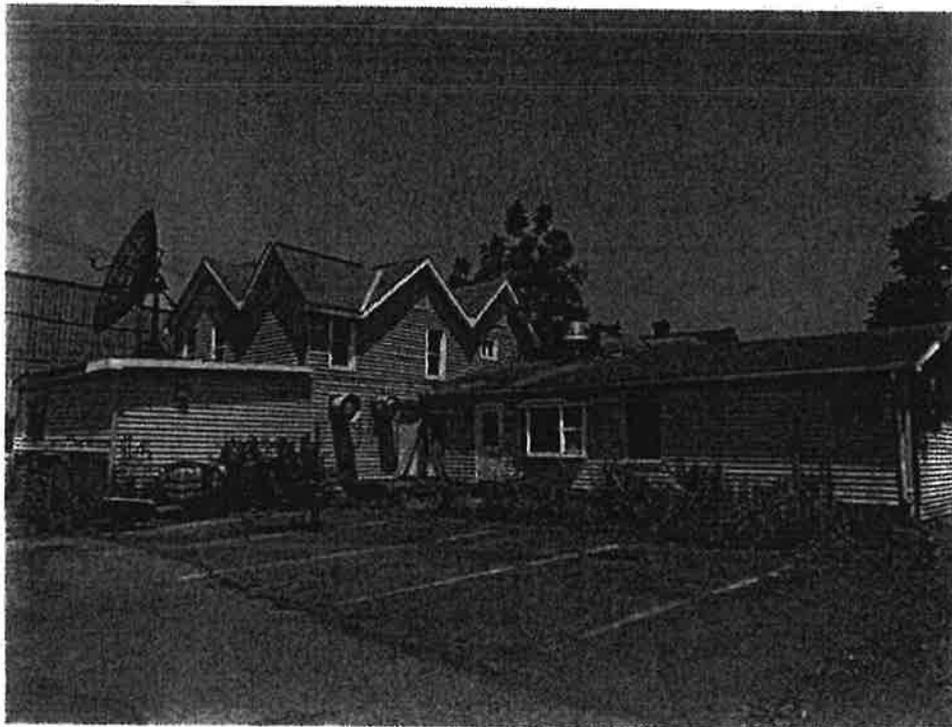


Figure 3 - 46 Grand Rear

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Figure 4 - 46 Grand Historical Photo

2.0 DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES

Under the City's form-based zoning code, 46 Grand is zoned T5-Flex. This allows for a wide variety of uses and building types. The intent of this transect is *"To provide an urban form that can accommodate a very diverse range of uses and building types, including some light industrial as well as work/live, to reinforce the pattern of existing walkable neighborhoods and to encourage revitalization and investment."*

The City intends to transfer the property to the winning Respondent upon selection and Common Council approval. The winning Respondent will be responsible for the rehabilitation of the property. The property will be transferred "as is."

The City seeks to achieve the following objectives through this RFEI:

1. Rehabilitation of the building on the site;
2. Maximize the level of public benefits to be generated by the proposed development including new commercial, non-profit, and/or residential activity;
3. Secure a financially feasible rehabilitation.

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3.0 SCHEDULE OF PERTINENT DATES

Listed below are specific and estimated dates and times of actions related to this RFEI. In the event it is necessary to change the return date, the City will issue a supplemental addendum.

Dates	Milestone
June 26, 2024	RFEI advertised
July 17, 2024	Tour at 46 Grand
July 24, 2024, 5pm	Last day to submit written inquiries
July 25, 2024	Addendum issued if any questions
August 1, 2024 2:00 p.m.	Due Date for Proposals
August/September, 2024	Selection Committee evaluates proposals
October 2024	Notice of Intent to Award (estimate)

4.0 SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All Respondents to this RFEI are required to submit detailed information as set forth below. Responses that do not materially conform to this outline will not be considered. Additional material and information, as deemed appropriate by the Respondent, may be included in the submission package.

Receipt confirmation form which follows the cover page of this RFEI should be completed and sent to the City of Kingston immediately if planning on submitting a proposal. Failure to file this form may result in no further communications regarding this RFEI.

RFEI submissions must emailed to Bstarodaj@kingston-ny.gov. Responses will be electronic only.

Responses are due and must be received no later than **August 1, 2024 at 2:00 PM**. Responses will not be accepted after the due date and time.

- **Proposals must be sent electronically via email.** Printed proposals will not be accepted.
- Respondents are required to complete, and include within their RFEI submission, the Information Sheet and Affidavit of Non-Collusion that are included in this RFEI.
- The response will be evaluated on the basis of its content, not length. The proposal shall be clear, concise and include sufficient detail for effective evaluation.
- The City of Kingston will not be liable for any costs incurred by Respondents in the preparation of responses or for any work performed in connection therein.

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5.0 PROPOSAL CONTENT

- **TITLE PAGE:** Showing RFEI number, responder's name, address, telephone, and title of the person(s) with the authority to represent and make legally binding commitments for the Respondent. Responder should also clearly identify the name(s) of the contact person responsible for inquiries, if different.
- **COVER LETTER:** A cover letter signed by the duly authorized member of the Respondent identified above.
- **PROJECT VISION AND NARRATIVE.** Respondents shall provide a description of the vision and program for the proposed project. This should include a clear concept and narrative. As part of the project narrative, Respondents must include descriptions of the desired mix of uses, including the number of residential and/or commercial units as applicable.
- **PLAN FOR EXECUTION:** Provide a development plan for the RFEI which is consistent with the Development Objectives outlined within this RFEI, including:
 - A description of the steps necessary to evaluate due diligence, environmental remediation, financing, pre-development, design approach, construction, lease-up, and property management.
 - A timeline for execution that includes proposed start date of predevelopment activities.
- **RESPONDENT TEAM:** Provide a full description of the Respondent (and its related development entities and subsidiaries, if applicable) along with all team members, including all principals and persons who have or will have either a direct or indirect financial interest in the development project. This includes:
 - Identify the development entity's/Respondent's name, street address, mailing address, phone number, email address and web page. Specify the legal form of the organization (e.g. corporation, partnership, LLC, Joint Venture, other).
 - If applicable, describe the development entity including the number of years in business.
 - If applicable, identify the person(s) with the authority to represent and make legally binding commitments for the principal development entity.
 - If applicable, list all officers, partners, owners, shareholders and members of the development entity by name, title, percentage of ownership and list addresses, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses.
 - If applicable, provide biographical summaries of company officers and/or principals/owners.
 - If applicable, identify all members of the proposed development team that are likely to be engaged in this project including engineering, architectural, construction, property

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management, marketing agent, geotechnical, environmental, legal, financial, public relations, and other consultants. Indicate the role of each in implementing the development and managing the completed project.

- If applicable, describe the development team's familiarity of the project location and City of Kingston.

- **EXPERIENCE:** As applicable, respondents shall provide demonstrable expertise with projects similar to this opportunity. Project examples from the lead member of the team are encouraged, though experience from any team member will be accepted and evaluated. For each project example, Respondents should include:
 - Name and location of project;
 - Site plans, massings, renderings, and/or photographs;
 - Development team members;
 - Scope (land area, gross square footage by program/product type, etc.);
 - Total cost (excluding land);
 - Timeline; and
 - Details of the project financing, including Respondent's role in securing the financing.

- **FINANCIAL QUALIFICATIONS AND CAPACITY:** Respondents must provide evidence of their financial capacity, financial success over time, and demonstrate their credit worthiness to undertake the Project.
 - If available, audited financial statements of the parent company of the principal developer, whether publicly traded or privately held for the last three fiscal years
 - letter from a financial institution with whom the Respondent has a relationship
 - Narrative describing any current or outstanding litigation pending against the team or any of its members, as well as any litigation brought by or against any individual involved with the project, during the last five years.
 - List of prior debts involving monetary defaults, bankruptcies or foreclosures.

- **PURCHASE PRICE AND SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** Proposed purchase price. Any and all special conditions that the Respondent may offer or request from the City of Kingston are required to be listed.

6.0 EVALUATION CRITERIA

All responses will be reviewed and evaluated by a selection committee. Responses will be reviewed and evaluated based upon information contained in the respective submission packages and responsiveness to the submission criteria delineated below.

The selection committee will evaluate the submissions beginning after the posted submission date.

Upon review of the submissions, the City reserves the right to:

1. Take no further action.
2. Invite one or more respondents to submit a response to a more detailed Request for Additional Information.
3. Enter into exclusive negotiations with one or more preferred respondents.

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The factors to be considered in the selection process are based upon an evaluation using the following criteria:

1. Project feasibility: Likelihood of Respondent and proposed project vision meeting the City of Kingston objectives in an expedient manner (30%);
2. Impact and amount of community benefit derived from the project (30%).
3. Development team qualifications, capabilities and prior experience (20%);
4. Financial strength of the Respondent /developer/developer team (20%);

7.0 INQUIRIES

All questions pertaining to this RFEI are required to be made in writing no later than **July 24, 2024**. All questions must be **emailed to Bartek Starodaj at bstarodaj@kingston-ny.gov**.

All substantive questions received by the above-mentioned deadline will receive a response in the form of an addendum issued no later than **July 25, 2024**.

The addendum will be sent to all Respondents who have registered to receive the RFEI. Only an addendum from the City of Kingston will be considered official. Respondents are advised that the City of Kingston cannot ensure a response to any inquiries received after the due date for question submissions.

8.0 OPEN HOUSE

An open house will be held on July 17. Representatives from the City will be available on site to answer questions and to show the property. Respondents wishing to attend the conference should notify Bartek Starodaj to obtain details. Additional open house dates may be announced based on interest.

9.0 INTERVIEWS

If the Evaluation Committee determines it to be necessary, interviews may be scheduled with selected Respondents as soon as possible after the initial evaluation. This will permit further evaluation and allow the Evaluation Committee to inquire further into the experience the Respondent has had on similar projects, willingness and ability to work closely with City of Kingston Staff and others, understanding of the various aspects of the requirements, ability to maintain a schedule and complete the services on time, and other matters deemed pertinent.

10.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

XI. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Instructions to Respondents: All submissions must be in accordance with this Request for Qualifications.

RFEI Information: The information set forth in this RFEI concerning the real estate and its condition, size status, legal requirements and other matters is believed to be accurate but is not so warranted. The City of Kingston and its officers, employees, representatives, agents and consultants make no representation express or implied as to the physical condition of the real estate, status of the title thereto, its suitability for any use, the absence of hazardous and toxic materials, or any other matter. The City makes no representations as to the accuracy of any statements made herein regarding any environmental conditions of the real estate and any information provided with regard to the environment is not to be relied upon and should be independently verified. All measurements are approximate.

The information provided for respondents is for informational purposes only, and may not be relied upon and does not constitute a representation or warranty by the City of Kingston, its representatives, employees, officers, agents, or consultants that the information contained therein is accurate or complete, and no legal commitment, obligation or liability of the City of Kingston or its representatives, employees, officers, agents or consultants shall arise by use of, or the information relating to any of these materials.

As is Condition & Disclaimers: The real estate will be conveyed "as is" with all faults. The City of Kingston makes no representations or warranties regarding the real estate and the property whatsoever, including without limitation whether the property is in compliance with applicable zoning use and other similar regulations, laws and codes (including without limitation building codes and Americans with Disabilities Act), and respondents are not to rely upon any representations or warranties of any kind whatsoever, express or implied, from the City of Kingston, its representatives, employees, officers, agents or consultants.

Revisions, Interpretations or Corrections: Revisions, interpretations or corrections of specifications made by the City of Kingston shall be by addendum issued before the date set forth for the submission of responses to this RFEI. Interpretations, corrections or changes made in any other manner will not be binding, and respondents shall not rely upon such revisions, interpretations, corrections or changes.

Conflict of Interest: The City of Kingston's employees and the immediate family of City of Kingston employees are not permitted to submit a response to this RFEI. Furthermore, no official or employee of the City of Kingston shall have any personal interest, direct or indirect, in this transaction, nor shall any such elected or appointed official, department head, agent or employee having such an interest participate in any decision, meeting, evaluation or exert any opinion or influence relating to this transaction that affects his or her personal interests or the interests of any person or entity in which he or she is directly or indirectly, interested.

Zoning and Permitting: The City of Kingston does not warrant that the real estate is suitable for any particular use. Verification of the present zoning and determination of permitted uses, along with compliance of the property for present or proposed future use, shall be the responsibility of the respondent. The City of Kingston does not guarantee that any zoning information is necessarily accurate or will remain unchanged. Any inaccuracies or changes in zoning information shall not be cause for

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adjournment or rescission of any contract resulting from this RFEI. Finally, respondent assumes the entire responsibility of complying with any government requirements and procedures related to intended use, including, but not limited to, licenses, zoning, permitting, habitation restrictions, historic preservation requirements, etc.

RFEI Award Acceptance: The City of Kingston reserves the right at all times to accept or reject in their sole discretion, any or all responses and to waive any defects or technicalities or advertise for new RFEI responses where the acceptance, rejection, waiving or advertising of such would be in the best interest of the City of Kingston. The RFEI process may be terminated or modified without notice at any time.

Notice of Acceptance or Rejection: Notice, by the City of Kingston regarding either acceptance, or rejection of a response to this RFEI shall be deemed to have been sufficiently given when mailed to the respondent, or his or her duly authorized representative, at the address indicated in the cover letter accompanying respondent's submission of a response to this RFEI.

Postponement or Cancellation: The City of Kingston reserves the right to postpone or cancel this RFEI, or reject all responses, if in its judgment it deems it to be in the best interest of the City to do so.

In the event of a postponement or cancellation of this RFEI; the City of Kingston shall not be liable for any costs incurred by respondent in the preparation of their response or for any work performed in connection therein.

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PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING SHEETS
WITH YOUR PROPOSAL

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INFORMATION SHEET

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TYPE OF ENTITY: Corp. _____ Partnership _____ Individual _____ LLC _____

If a non-publicly owned Corporation:

NAME OF FIRM: _____

DATE OF ORGANIZATION: _____

If an LP, LLP, or LLLP:

PARTNERS: _____

NAME OF PARTNERSHIP: _____

DATE OF ORGANIZATION: _____

** If the business is conducted under an assumed name, a copy of the certificate required to be filed under the New York General Business Law must be attached.*

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AFFIDAVIT OF NON-COLLUSION

**NAME OF
RESPONDENT:** _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____

I hereby attest that I am the person responsible within my firm for the final decision as to the prices(s) and amount of this proposal or, if not, that I have written authorization, enclosed herewith, from that person to make the statements set out below on his or her behalf and on behalf of my firm.

I further attest that:

1. The price(s) and amount of this proposal have been arrived at independently, without consultation, communication or agreement for the purpose of restricting competition with any other contractor, Respondent or potential Respondent.
2. Neither the price(s), nor the amount of this proposal, have been disclosed to any other firm or person who is a Respondent or potential Respondent on this project, and will not be so disclosed prior to proposal opening.
3. No attempt has been made or will be made to solicit, cause or induce any firm or person to refrain from responding to this RFEI, or to submit a proposal higher than the proposal of this firm, or any intentionally high or non-competitive proposal or other form of complementary proposal.
4. The proposal of my firm is made in good faith and not pursuant to any agreement or discussion with, or inducement from any firm or person to submit a complementary proposal.
5. My firm has not offered or entered into a subcontract or agreement regarding the purchase of materials or services from any other firm or person, or offered, promised or paid cash or anything of value to any firm or person, whether in connection with this or any other project, in consideration for an agreement or promise by an firm or person to refrain from responding to this RFEI or to submit a complementary proposal on this project.
6. My firm has not accepted or been promised any subcontract or agreement regarding the sale of materials or services to any firm or person, and has not been promised or paid cash or anything of value by any firm or person, whether in connection with this or any project, in consideration for my firm's submitting a complementary proposal, or agreeing to do so, on this project.
7. I have made a diligent inquiry of all members, officers, employees, and agents of my firm with responsibilities relating to the preparation, approval or submission of my firm's proposal on this project and have been advised by each of them that he or she has not participated in any communication, consultation, discussion, agreement, collusion, act or other conduct inconsistent with any of the statements and representations made in this affidavit.

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8. By submission of this proposal, I certify that I have read, am familiar with, and will comply with any and all segments of these specifications.

The person signing this proposal, under the penalties of perjury, affirms the truth thereof.

Signature & Title

Print Name & Title

Company Name

Date Signed _____ Federal ID _____